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**Determination of NEPA Adequacy  
DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2015-0191**

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**July 2015  
Designating Additional Campsites along the Colorado River  
Daily**

Location: on river right along the Colorado River Daily river stretch (from Dewey Bridge to Salt Wash)

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## Worksheet Determination of NEPA Adequacy

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OFFICE: Moab Field Office

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE: Designating Additional Campsites along the Colorado River Daily

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Colorado River between Dewey Bridge and Salt Wash

### A. Description of the Proposed Action and Any Applicable Mitigation Measures

The BLM proposes to designate four additional campsites on river right along the Colorado River Daily stretch. The Moab RMP called for the designation of campsites along the Daily on river right (on river left, camping is restricted to campgrounds). Prior to the RMP, boaters camped wherever they wished on river right. The intent of the RMP decision was to restrict the camping impacts to designated campsites, although the exact number of campsites was not enumerated. Immediately after the RMP (October 31, 2008), the eight most popular campsites were designated. The current proposal is to add four more campsites to the list of legal campsites on river right. These four additional campsites have been previously disturbed and camped in over the decades. Apart from some minimal tree trimming, no other action is required except for marking them as legal campsites. See attached map for the proposed campsite locations.

### B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name\* Moab Resource Management Plan Date Approved October, 2008

\*List applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto).

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision:

Page 86 of the Moab RMP reads as follows: "Manage the Colorado Riverway SRMA as a Destination SRMA to manage camping."

Page 89 of the Moab RMP reads as follows: "Camping will be restricted to designated campsites along the north side of the Colorado River [i.e. river right] and existing campgrounds on the south side of the Colorado River [i.e., river left]."

### C. Identify the applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

*Moab Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (UT-060-2007-04), signed October 31, 2008.*

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#### D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

☒ Yes  
☐ No

Documentation of answer and explanation: Yes; the existing NEPA document addresses the impacts of designating additional campsites on the Colorado River Daily.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action (or existing proposed action), given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

☒ Yes  
☐ No

Documentation of answer and explanation: Yes; Environmental Impact Statement UT-060-2007-04 contains analysis of three action alternatives and a no action alternative. The environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances have not changed to a degree that warrants broader consideration.

3. Is existing analysis adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standards assessment; recent endangered species listings, updated list of BLM sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

☒ Yes  
☐ No

Documentation of answer and explanation: Yes; the existing analysis and conclusions are adequate as there has been no new information or circumstances presented. It can be reasonably concluded that all new information and circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

☒ Yes  
☐ No

Documentation of answer and explanation: Yes; the direct and indirect impacts are substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA documents. Yes; site-specific impacts analyzed in the existing document are the same as those associated with the current proposed action.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?



✓ Yes  
 No

Documentation of answer and explanation: Yes. The public was notified of the preparation of Environmental Impact Statement UT-060-2007-04 *Moab Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan* with the publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. The project had a 90 day scoping period and a 90 day comment period. Two sets of public meetings were held on the proposed action, and the action was posted on the ENBB. The document received approximately 50,000 comments, but no commenters discussed the proposal to restrict campsites along the Colorado River. These notification periods were sufficient for the current proposed action.

**E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource Represented</u>
Ann Marie Aubry	Hydrologist	Air quality; Water resources; Floodplains, Soils, Wetlands/Riparian
Katie Stevens	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern; Wild & Scenic Rivers, Recreation, Visual Resources
Jordan Davis	Rangeland Management Specialist	Invasive Weeds, RHS, Livestock Grazing, Vegetation, Woodland/forestry
Dave Williams	Rangeland Management Specialist	T&E Plants
Josh Relph	Fuels Specialist	Fuels/Fire Management
M. Jared Lundell	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources; Native American Religious Concerns
David Pals	Geologist	Geology, Paleontology, Wastes
Pam Riddle	Wildlife Biologist	Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Animal Species, Wildlife, Migratory Birds, Wildlife
Bill Stevens	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Wilderness, Natural Areas, Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice, Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

**CONCLUSION**

Plan Conformance:

- ☒ This proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan.  
☐ This proposal does not conform to the applicable land use plan

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- ☒ Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.
- ☐ The existing NEPA documentation does not fully cover the proposed action. Additional NEPA documentation is needed if the project is to be further considered.

KC Stevens  
Signature of Project Lead

6/30/15  
Date

KC Stevens  
Signature of NEPA Coordinator

6/30/15  
Date

Bob Ramsdell  
Signature of the Responsible Official

6/30/15  
Date

**Note:** The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

ID Team Checklist



## INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM CHECKLIST

Project Title: Designating Additional Campsites on the Colorado River Daily  
 NEPA Log Number: DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2015-0191 DNA  
 File/Serial Number:  
 Project Leader: Katie Stevens

**DETERMINATION OF STAFF:** (Choose one of the following abbreviated options for the left column)

NP = not present in the area impacted by the proposed or alternative actions  
 NI = present, but not affected to a degree that detailed analysis is required  
 PI = present with potential for relevant impact that need to be analyzed in detail in the EA  
 NC = (DNAs only) actions and impacts not changed from those disclosed in the existing NEPA documents cited in Section D of the DNA form. The Rationale column may include NI and NP discussions.

The following elements are not present in the Moab Field Office and have been removed from the checklist:  
 Farmlands (Prime or Unique), Wild Horses and Burros.

Determi- nation	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
<b>RESOURCES AND ISSUES CONSIDERED (INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITIES APPENDIX 1 H-1790-1)</b>				
NC	Air Quality Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Ann Marie Aubry <i>ANA</i>	6-30-15
NC	Floodplains		Ann Marie Aubry <i>ANA</i>	6-30-15
NC	Soils		Ann Marie Aubry <i>ANA</i>	6-30-15
NC	Water Resources/Quality (drinking/surface/ground)		Ann Marie Aubry <i>ANA</i>	6-30-15
NC	Wetlands/Riparian Zones		Ann Marie Aubry <i>ANA</i>	6-30-15
NC	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern		Katie Stevens <i>KS</i>	6/30/15
NC	Recreation	Moab RMP, Decision REC-37 states: "Camping will be restricted to designated campsites along the north side of the Colorado River."	Katie Stevens <i>KS</i>	6/30/15
NC	Wild and Scenic Rivers		Katie Stevens <i>KS</i>	6/30/15
NC	Visual Resources		Katie Stevens <i>KS</i>	6/30/15
NC	Wild Lands (BLM Natural Areas)		Bill Stevens <i>BS</i>	6-30-15
NC	Socio-Economics		Bill Stevens <i>BS</i>	6-30-15
NC	Wilderness/WSA		Bill Stevens <i>BS</i>	6-30-15
NC	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics		Bill Stevens <i>BS</i>	6-30-15
NC	Cultural Resources	<i>Meets Waiver Criteria</i>	Jared Lundell <i>JL</i>	6/30/15
NC	Native American Religious Concerns	<i>11</i>	Jared Lundell <i>JL</i>	6/30/15

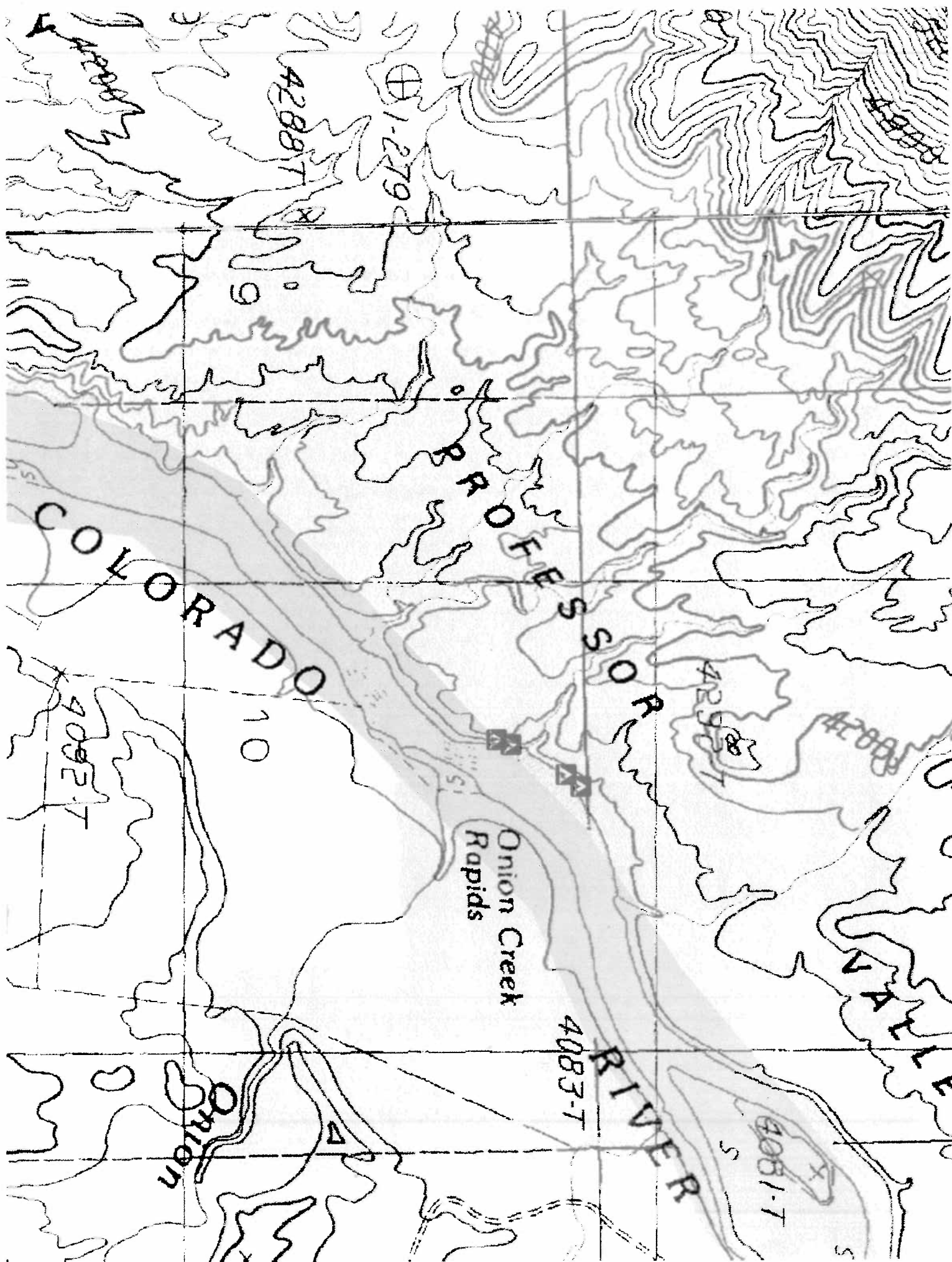


Determination	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
NC	Environmental Justice		Bill Stevens <i>BS</i>	6/30/15
NC	Wastes (hazardous or solid)		Rebecca Doolittle David Pals <i>DP</i>	6/30/15
NC	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Animal Species		Pam Riddle <i>PR</i>	6/30/15
NC	Migratory Birds		Pam Riddle <i>PR</i>	6/30/15
NC	Utah BLM Sensitive Species		Pam Riddle <i>PR</i>	6/30/15
NC	Fish and Wildlife Excluding USFW Designated Species		Pam Riddle <i>PR</i>	6/30/15
NC	Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds		Jordan Davis <i>JD</i>	6/30/15
NC	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Plant Species		Dave Williams	6/30/15
NC	Livestock Grazing		D Williams	6/31/15
NC	Rangeland Health Standards		D Williams	6/31/15
NC	Vegetation Excluding USFW Designated Species		D Williams	6/31/15
NC	Woodland / Forestry		<i>JD</i>	6/30/15
NC	Fuels/Fire Management		Josh Relph <i>JR</i>	6/30/15
NC	Geology / Mineral Resources/Energy Production		David Pals <i>DP</i>	6/30/15
NC	Lands/Access		Jan Denney	
NC	Paleontology		Rebecca Hunt-Foster	

#### FINAL REVIEW:

Reviewer Title	Signature	Date	Comments
Environmental Coordinator	Katie Stevens <i>KS</i>	6/30/15	
Authorized Officer	Beth Ransel <i>BR</i>	6/30/15	







**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
AND  
DECISION RECORD**

*DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2015-0191 EA*

**FONSI:** Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached Documentation of NEPA Adequacy (DNA), I have determined that the action will not have a significant effect on the human environment and an environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

**DECISION:** It is my decision to allow the designation of four additional campsites on river right along the Colorado Daily as described in the Proposed Action.

**RATIONALE:** The decision to designate the campsites has been made in consideration of the environmental impacts of the proposed action. The action is in conformance with the Moab Resource Area Resource Management Plan, which specifically restricts camping to designated sites along the Colorado River Daily.

  
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Field Manager

6/30/15  
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Date